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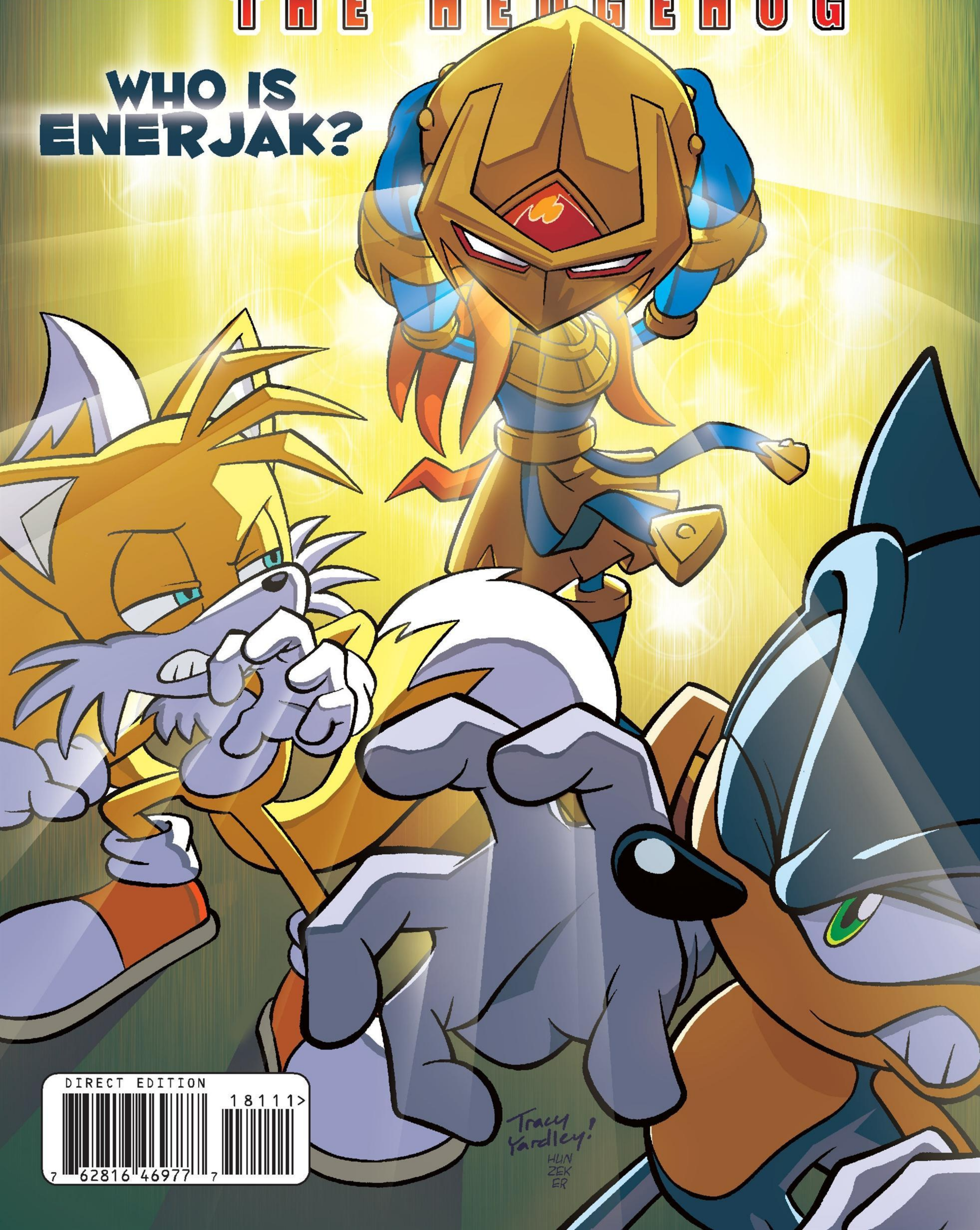
THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

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THE HEDGEHOG

WHO IS
ENERJAK?



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ENERJAK: REBORN

CHAPTER ONE: RISING EVIL

STEP ON IT, TAILS.
WE NEED TO GET TO
ANGEL ISLAND AND
FIND KNUCKLES--

--BEFORE
ENERJAK
DOES!

SONIC? TAILS?
THIS IS
NICOLE IN NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS...

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...I'LL BE
MONITORING
YOU TWO
FROM HERE.
GOOD LUCK.

DOWNUNDA
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS,
DO YOU
COPY?

SOMETHING
IS SCRAMBLING
EVERYTHING I
SENT OUT.

MONKEY
KHAN,
DO YOU
COPY?

IT HAS TO BE
ENERJAK! DID
YOU NOT NOTICE THAT
ANGEL ISLAND IS
FLOATING RIGHT
TOWARDS US? IF
YOU'D ONLY ACTED
AS SOON AS I--

WE WILL
BE WELL-
PREPARED
FOR HIM,
DIMITRI. THE
PROBE I SENT
TO ANGEL
ISLAND HAS
ARRIVED.

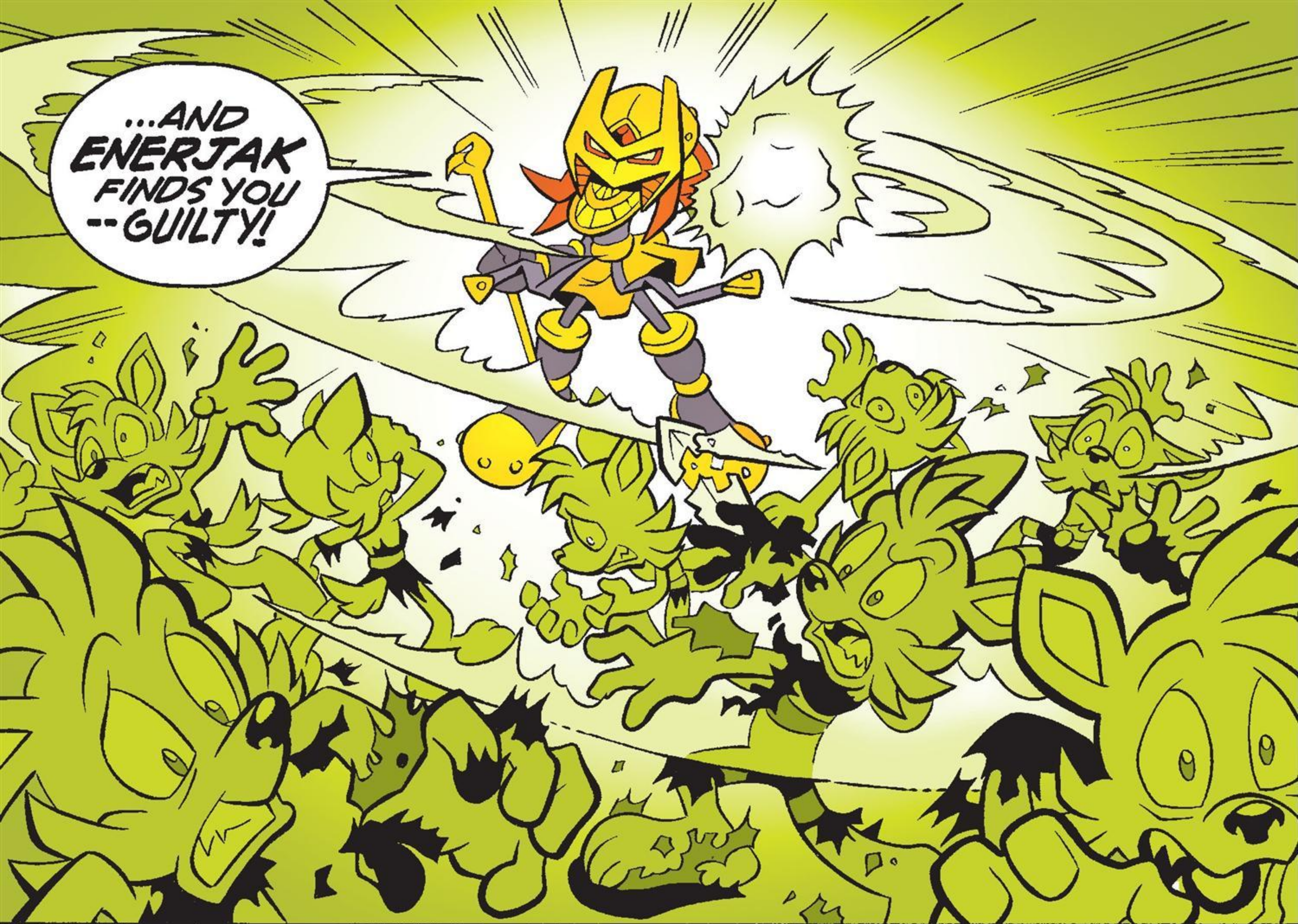
BEGINNING
LIVE FEED NOW.
JULIE-SU, CAN YOU
TELL US WHAT WE'RE
SEEING?

THAT'S
CAVEM
CANUS, THE
DINGO
CITY.

THEY'RE
DOOMED.

YOUR CRIMES
AGAINST THE
ECHIDNAS HAVE
BEEN MANY...

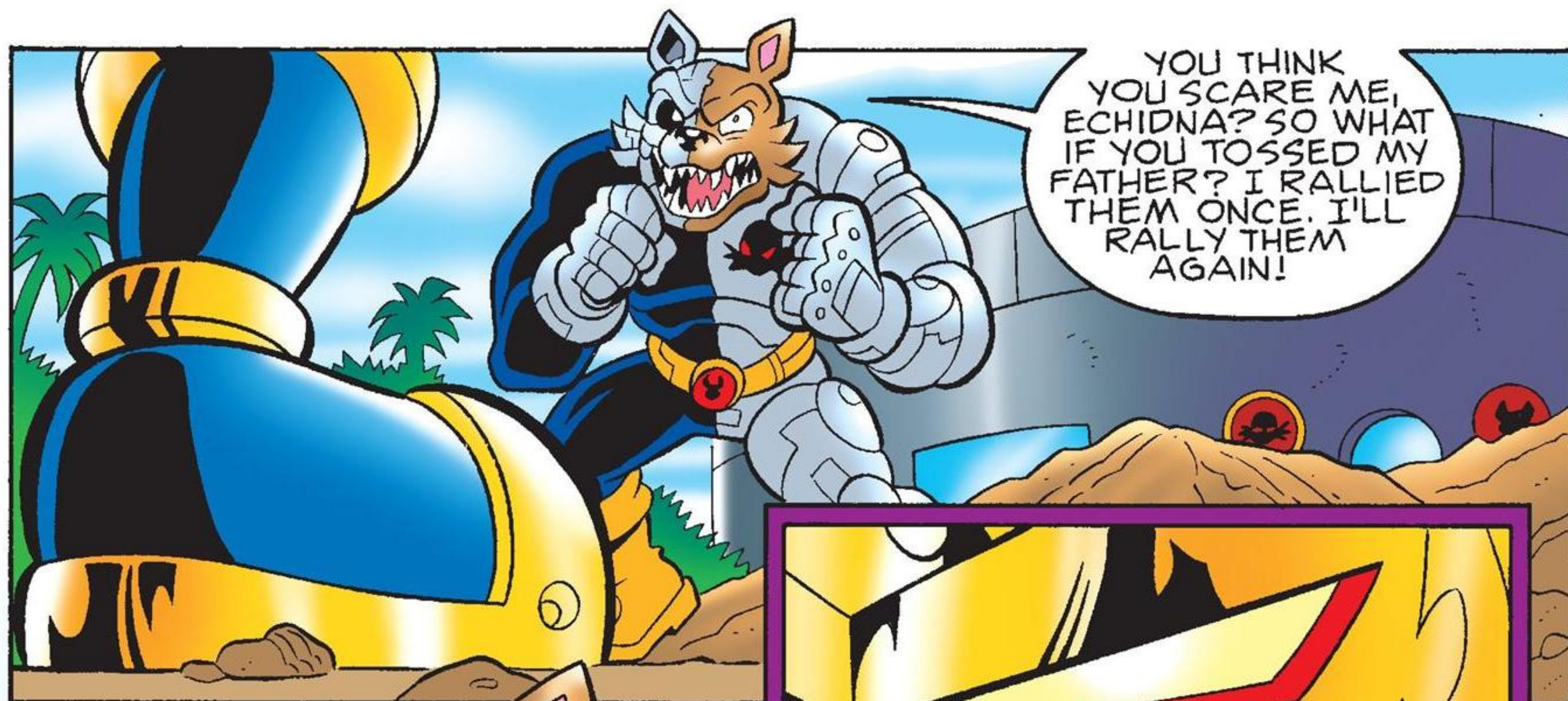
...AND
ENERJAK
FINDS YOU
--GUILTY!



I'VE TAKEN
YOUR WEAPONS,
YOUR POSSESSIONS,
AND NOW YOUR
PRIDE.



LEARN
HUMILITY AS
YOU WANDER
THE **DESERT**
WITH YOUR
FORMER LEADER.

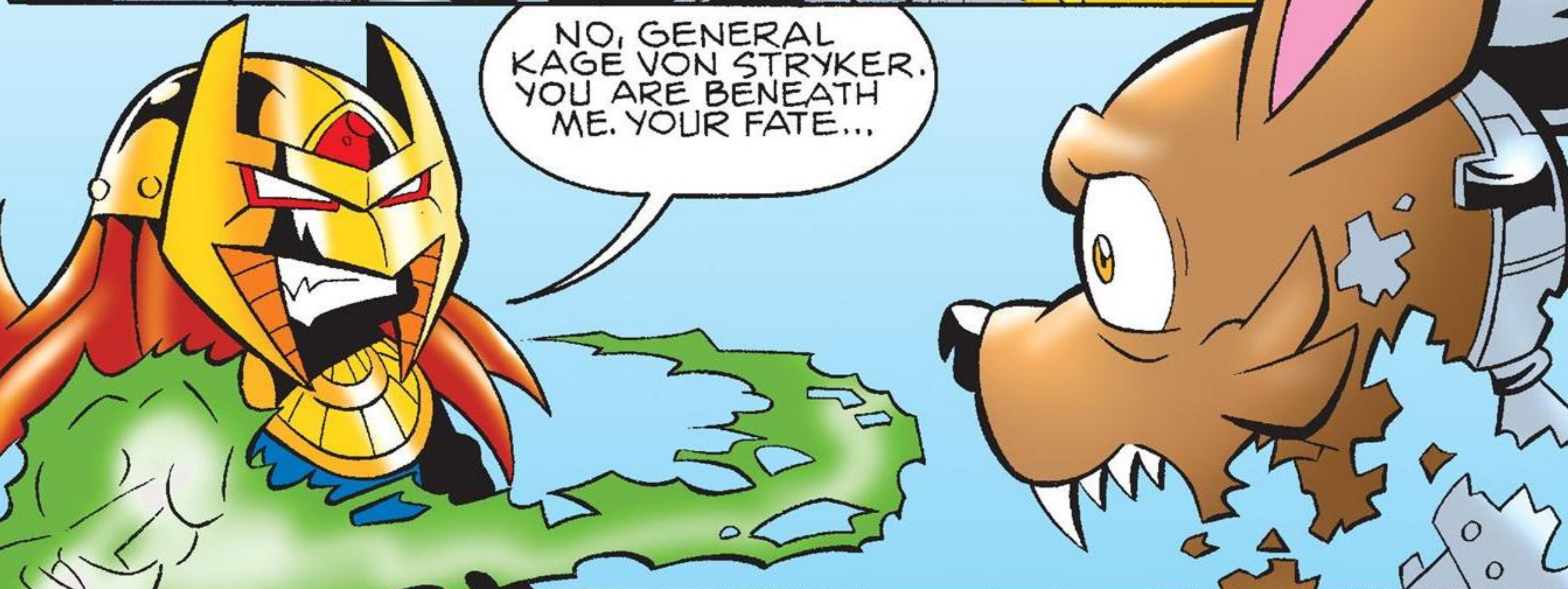


YOU THINK YOU SCARE ME, ECHIDNA? SO WHAT IF YOU TOSSED MY FATHER? I RALLIED THEM ONCE. I'LL RALLY THEM AGAIN!

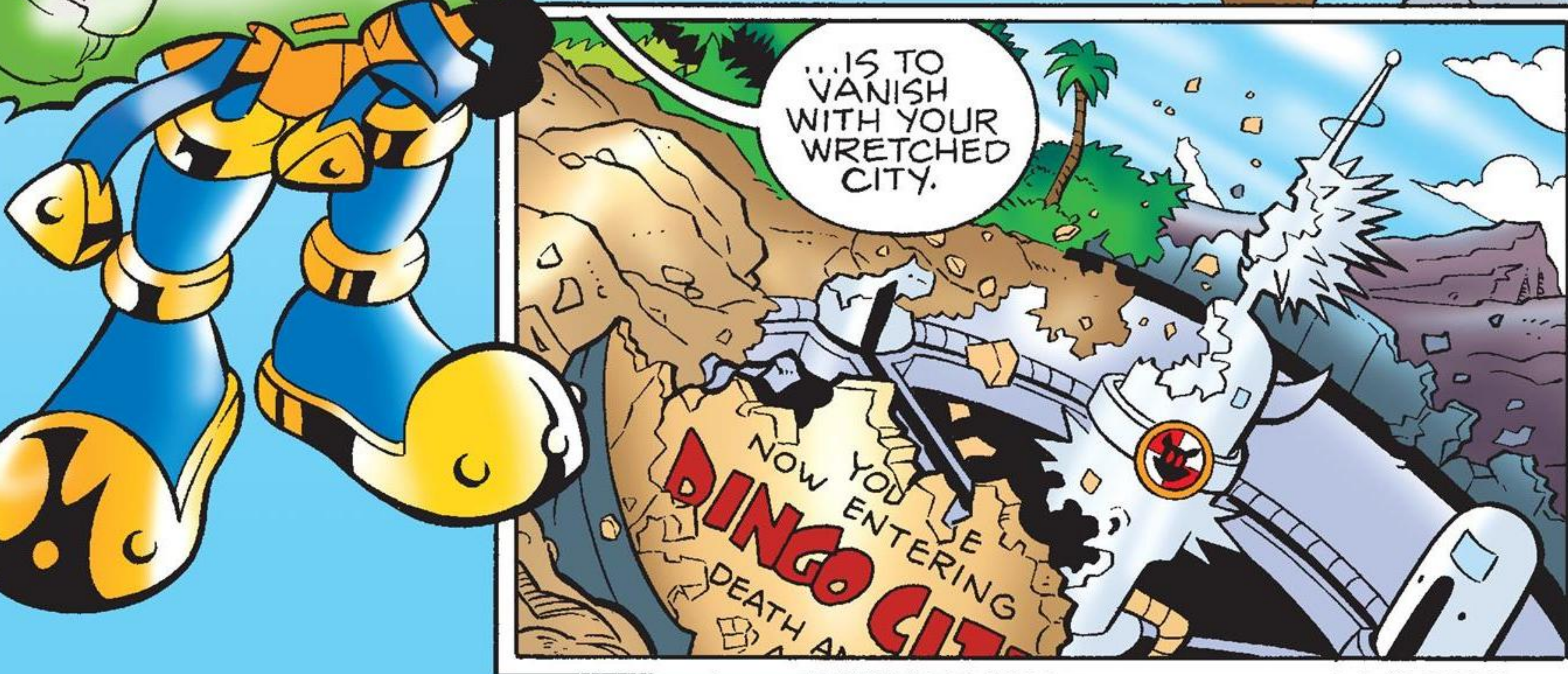


I'VE CRUSHED MORE ECHIDNAS UNDER MY BOOT THAN I CAN REMEMBER! YOU'LL BE NO DIFFERENT!

COME ON, THEN! **FACE ME!**

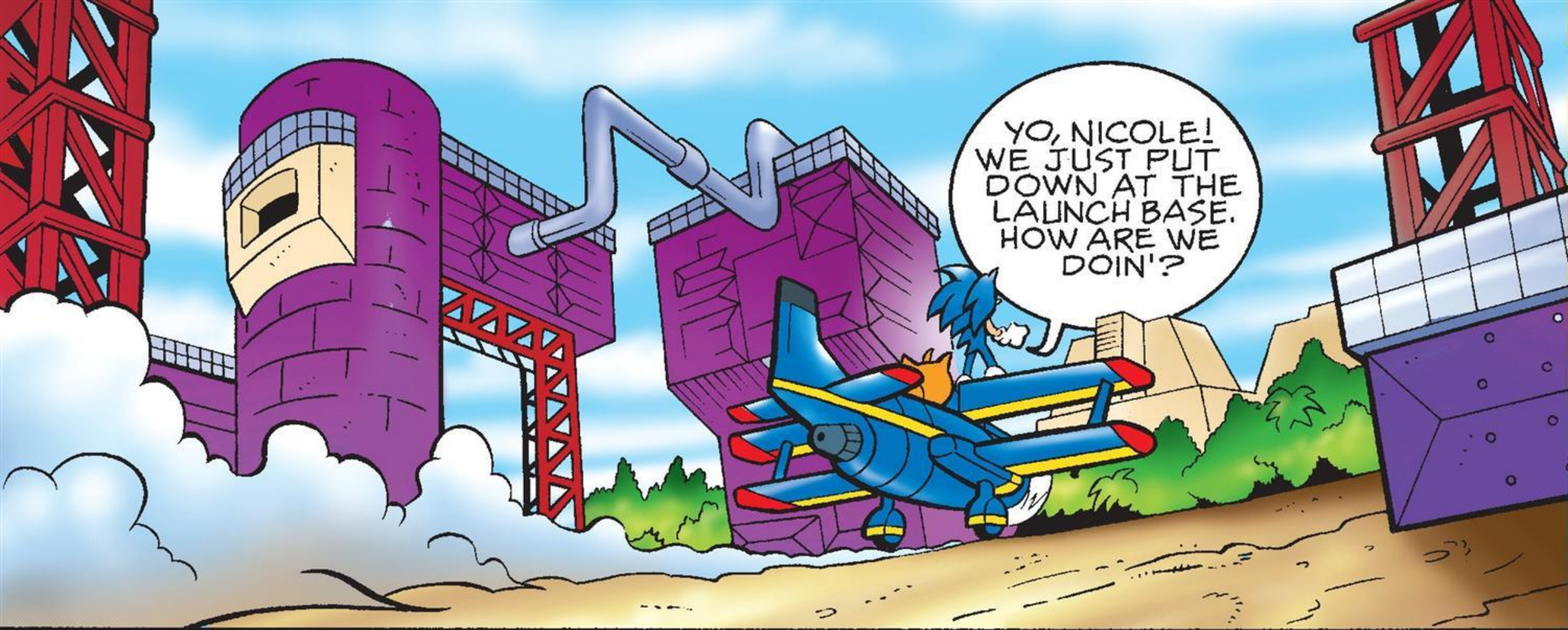


NO, GENERAL KAGE VON STRYKER. YOU ARE BENEATH ME. YOUR FATE...

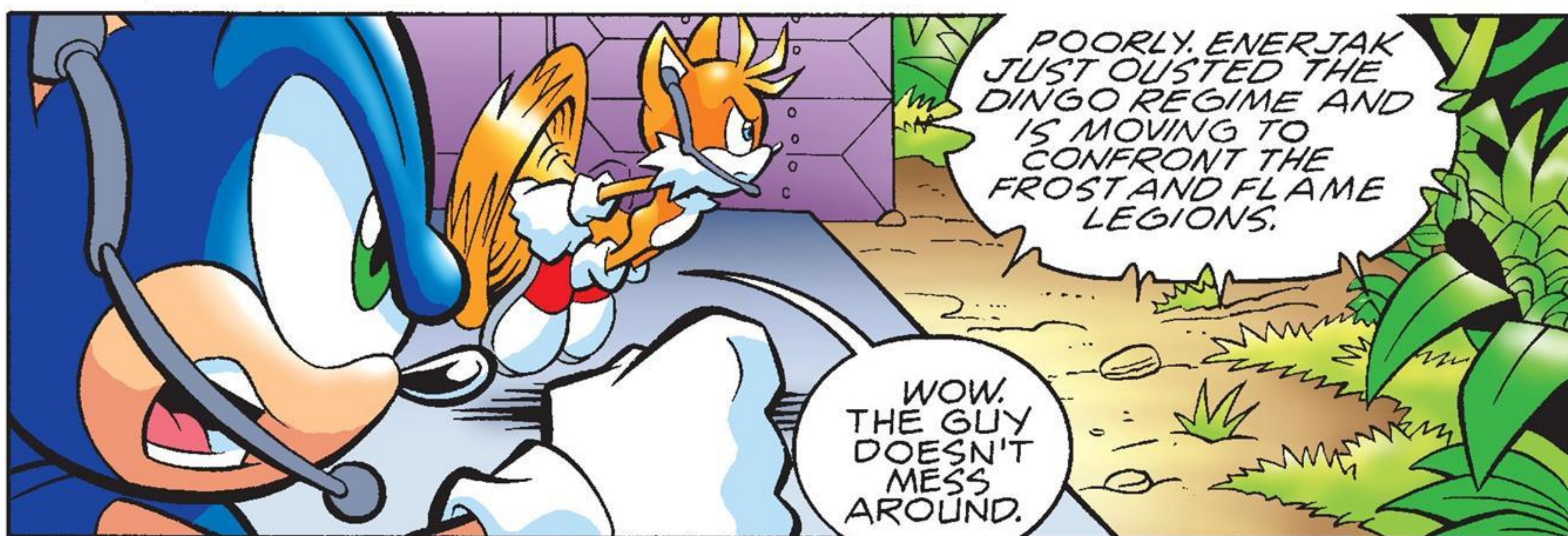


...IS TO VANISH WITH YOUR WRETCHED CITY.

NOW YOU'VE ENTERING **DINGO CITY** DEATH A

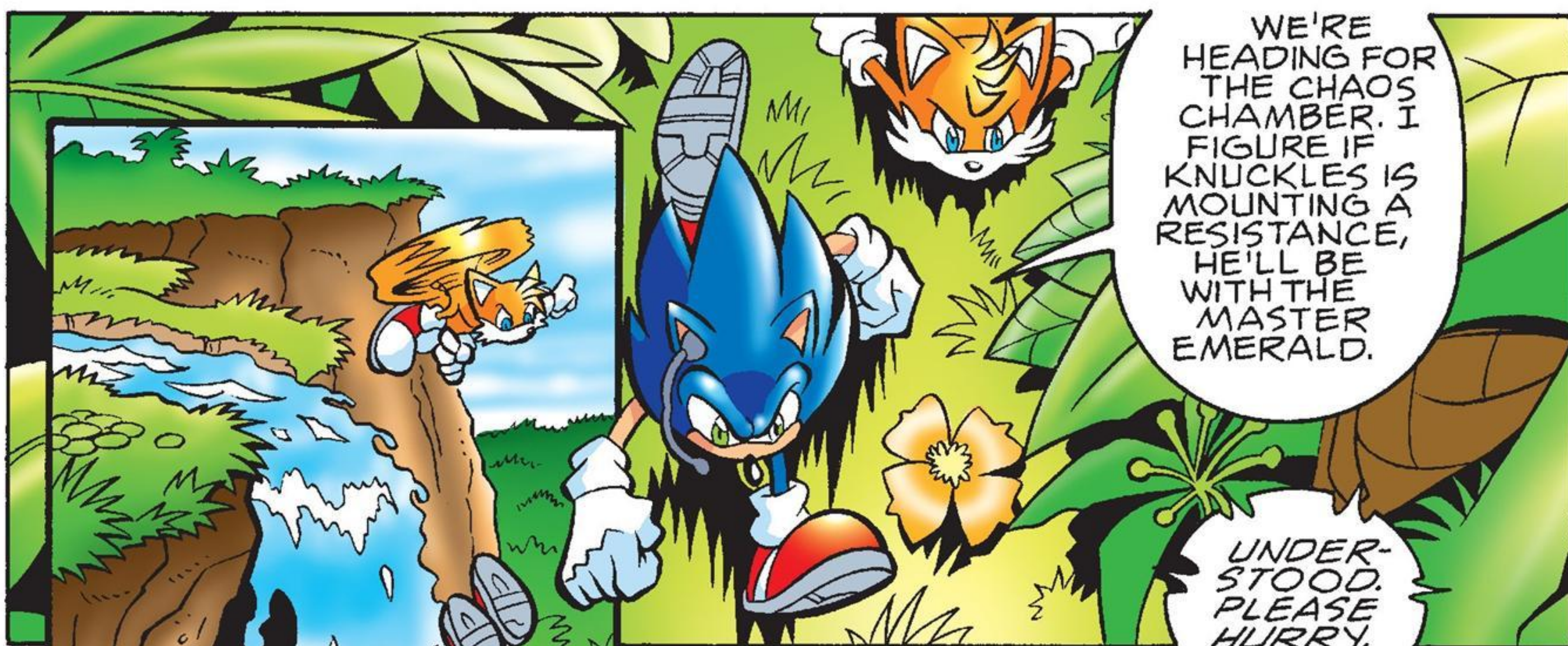


YO, NICOLE!
WE JUST PUT
DOWN AT THE
LAUNCH BASE.
HOW ARE WE
DOIN'?



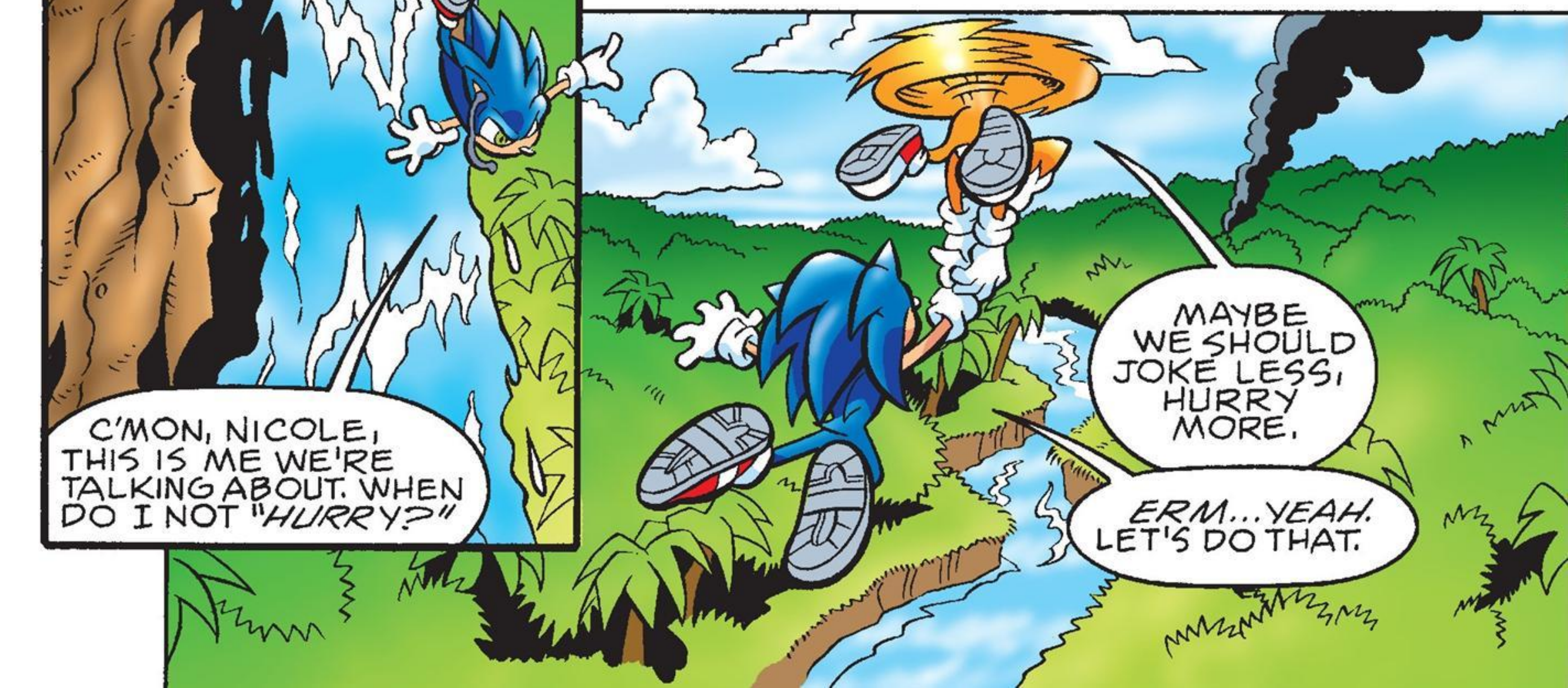
POORLY. ENERJAK
JUST OUSTED THE
DINGO REGIME AND
IS MOVING TO
CONFRONT THE
FROST AND FLAME
LEGIONS.

WOW.
THE GUY
DOESN'T
MESS
AROUND.



WE'RE
HEADING FOR
THE CHAOS
CHAMBER. I
FIGURE IF
KNUCKLES IS
MOUNTING A
RESISTANCE,
HE'LL BE
WITH THE
MASTER
EMERALD.

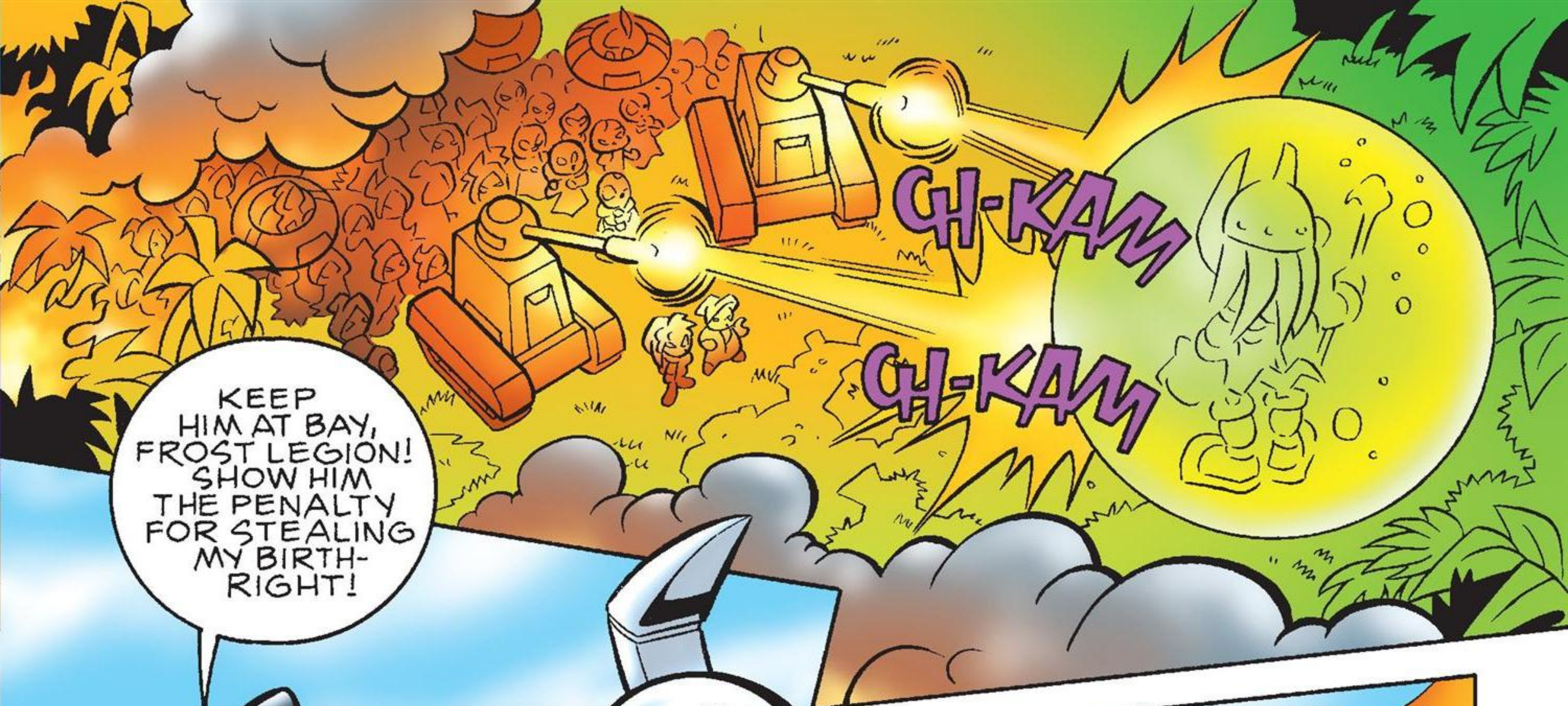
UNDER-
STOOD.
PLEASE
HURRY.



C'MON, NICOLE,
THIS IS ME WE'RE
TALKING ABOUT. WHEN
DO I NOT "HURRY?"

MAYBE
WE SHOULD
JOKE LESS,
HURRY
MORE.

ERM...YEAH.
LET'S DO THAT.



KEEP HIM AT BAY, FROST LEGION! SHOW HIM THE PENALTY FOR STEALING MY BIRTH-RIGHT!



MY DEAR FRIEND, YOU NEVER WANTED MY POWER. YOU WERE PROUD OF WHO YOU ONCE WERE. IT IS A CRIME THAT YOU HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO THIS.



BE WHOLE ONCE MORE, REMINGTON!

FWASH!

M-MY
M-M-MEMORY
...M-M-MY
B-BODY...

RESTORED TO THEIR
NATURAL STATE.
JUST AS I'VE
LIBERATED YOU
FROM YOUR
UNNATURAL
CYBERNETIC
PARTS...

FWASH

...SO WILL
I LIBERATE
THE REST OF
THE FLAME AND
FROST LEGIONS!

YOU MONSTER!
THOSE PARTS ENHANCED
US! IT'S NOT UNNATURAL...

...TO
BETTER
YOUR-
SELF!

IF THAT
IS HOW
YOU...

...AND
YOUR IDIOT
FOLLOWERS
FEEL...

...THEN YOU
CAN STAY
STRANDED
HERE.

THOSE
THANKFUL
FOR MY
BLESSING
SHALL BE
RETURNED
HOME...

...TO ALBION.

DO SOMETHING! HE'S BRUTALIZING MY PEOPLE!

S-SALLY?

R-RIGHT! THERE'S STILL ONE CHANNEL I HAVEN'T TRIED YET!

YOU'RE THE A.I. THAT CONTROLS THIS CITY, AREN'T YOU? CONSTRUCT A WEAPON TO STRIKE NOW WHILE WE HAVE TIME!

I WILL NOT DEVOTE THE NANITES OR THIS CITY TO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND. SONIC AND TAILS ARE ON ANGEL ISLAND RIGHT NOW, AND...

NICOLE...

...HAVE THEY FOUND KNUCKLES YET?

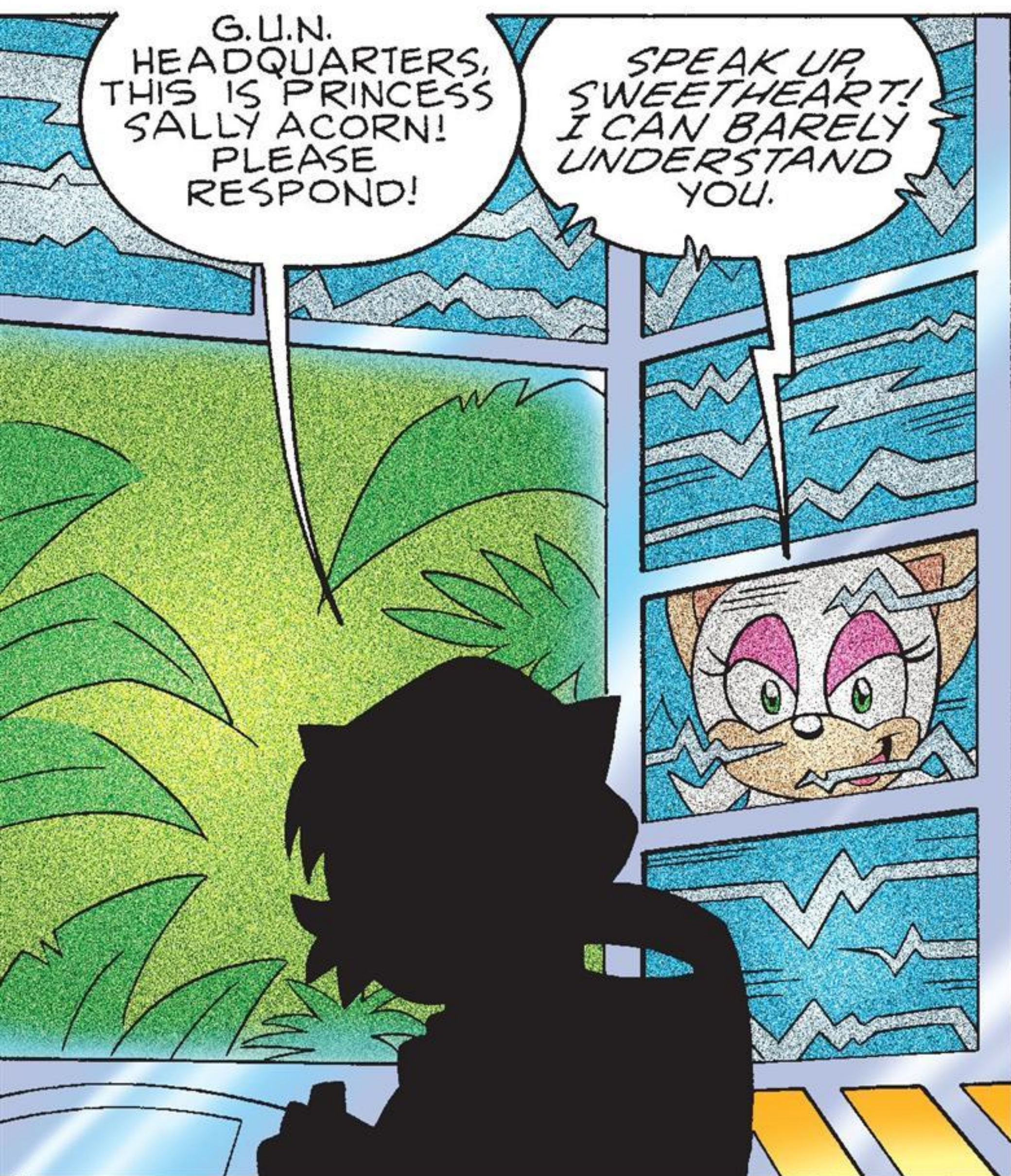
THEY...HAD SOME TROUBLE GETTING INTO THE CHAOS CHAMBER. I SHOULD HAVE AN UPDATE FROM THEM SOON. I'M SURE HE...

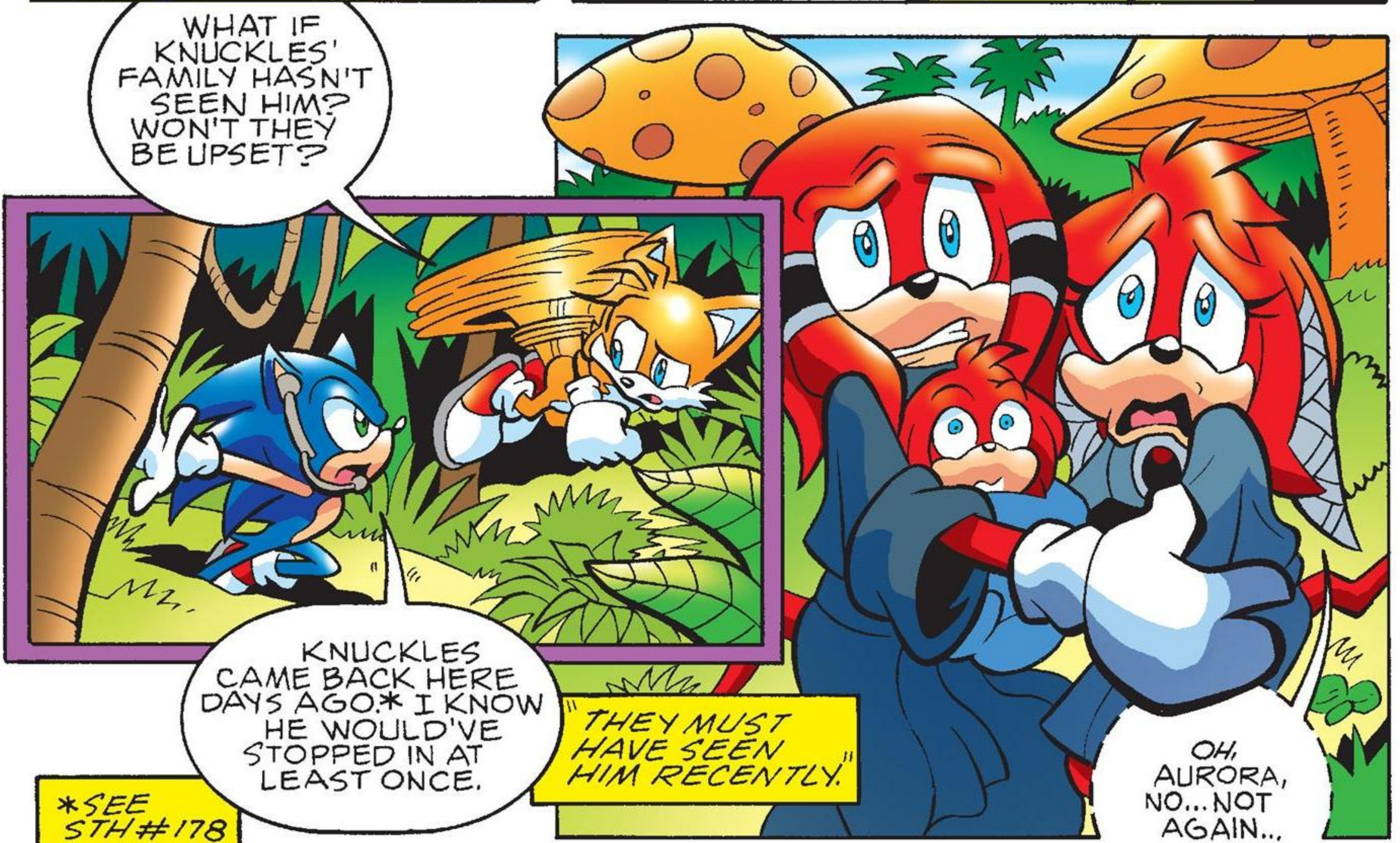
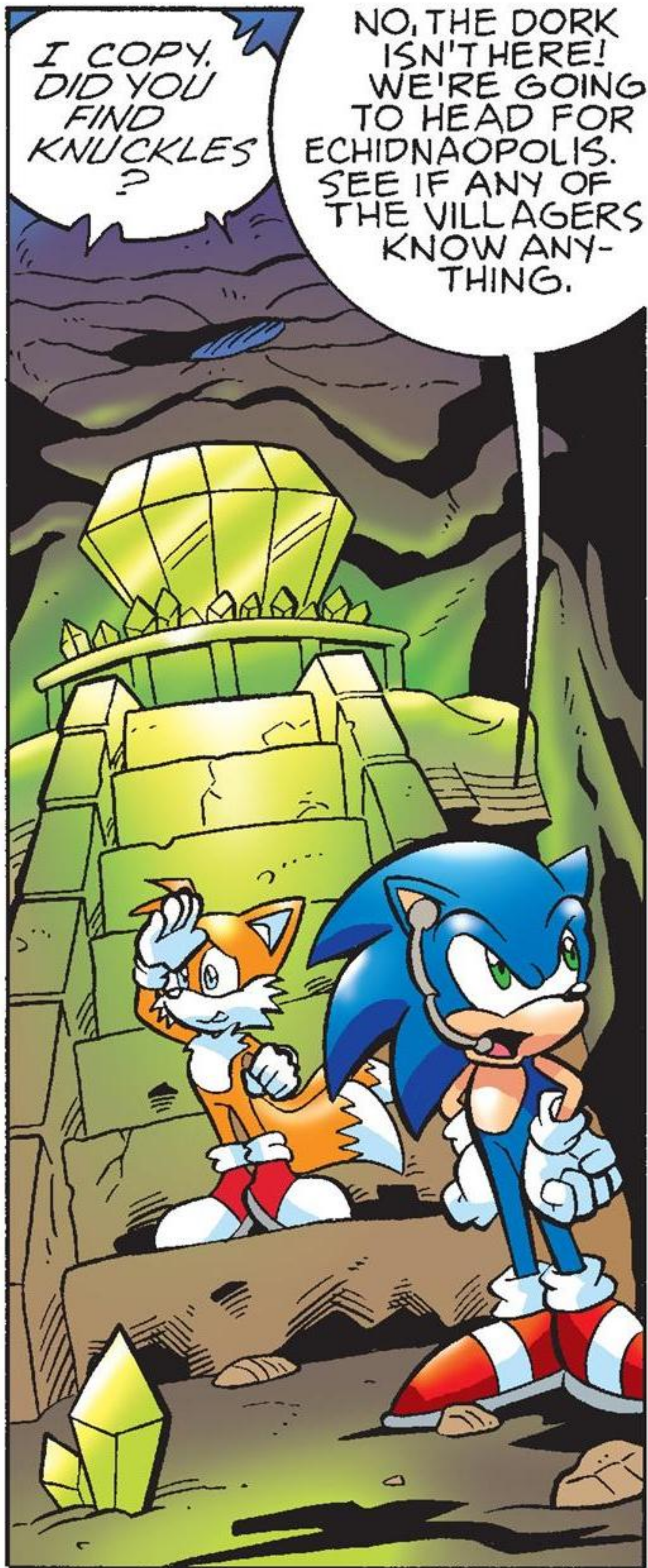
THE LAST TIME KNUCKLES FACED ENERJAK, HE WAS VAPORIZED! * THIS TIME, THERE AREN'T ANY ANCIENT WALKERS TO RESCUE HIM! ** SO WOULD YOU *PLEASE* TELL THOSE TWO TO PICK UP THE PACE?!

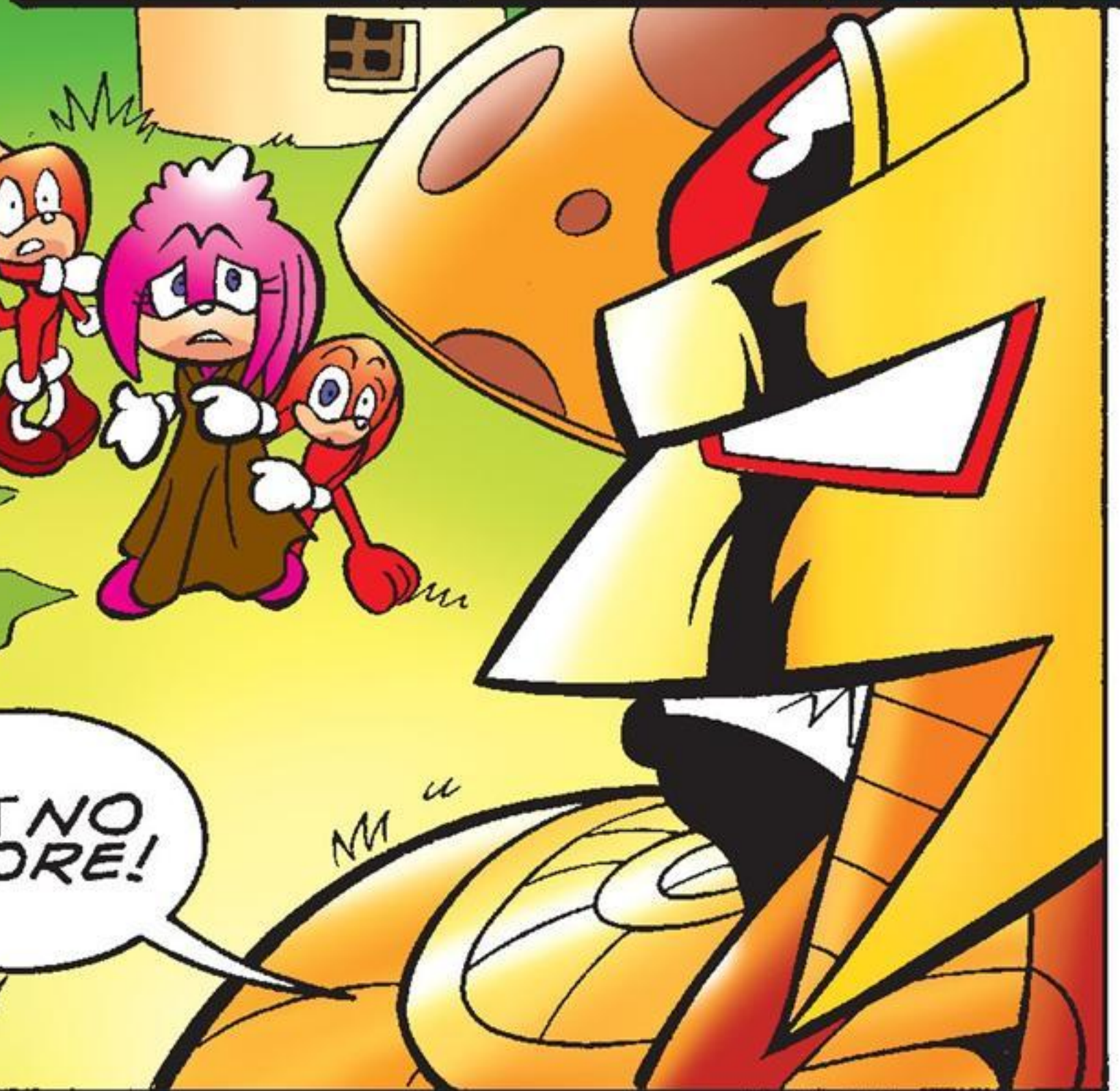
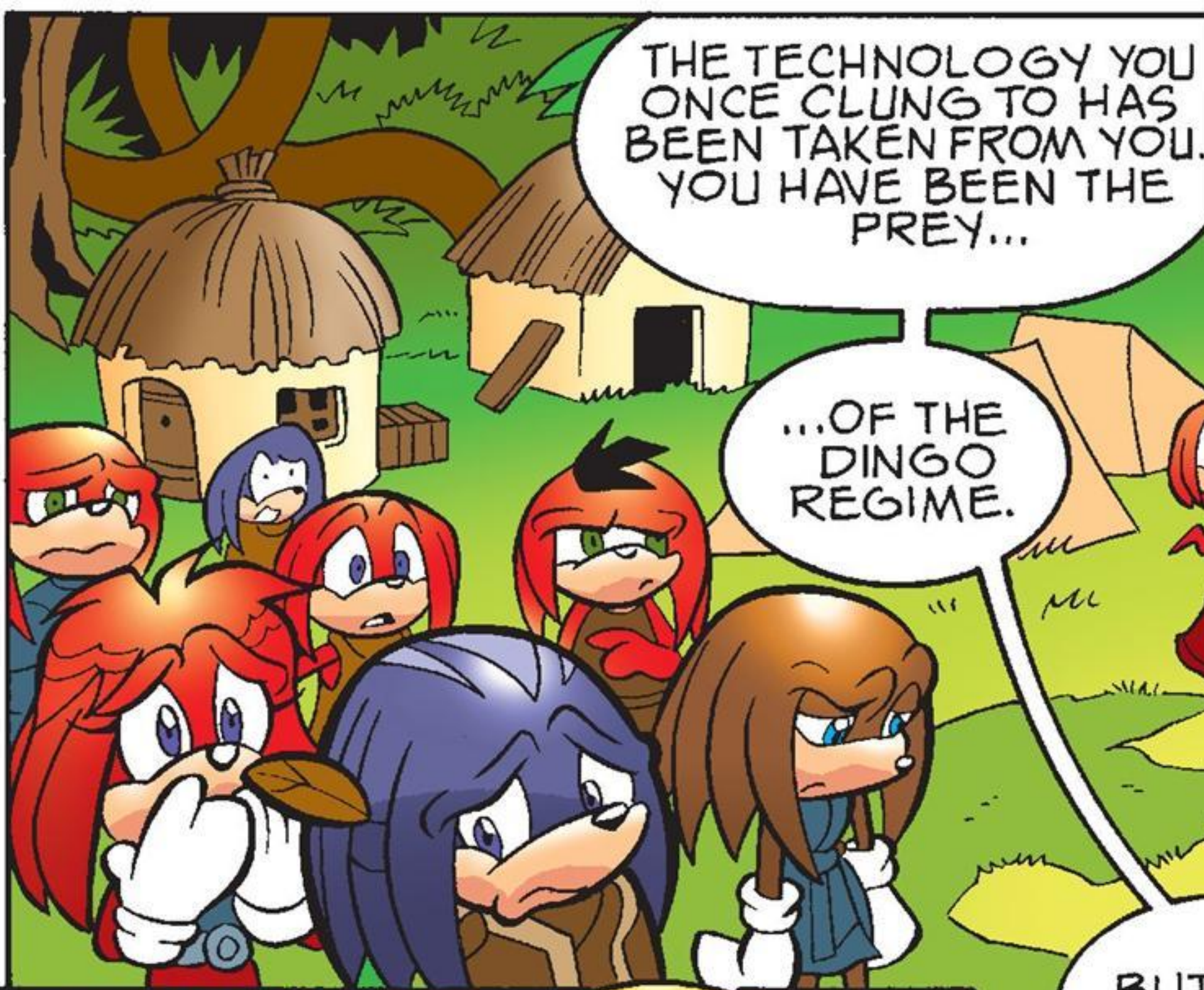
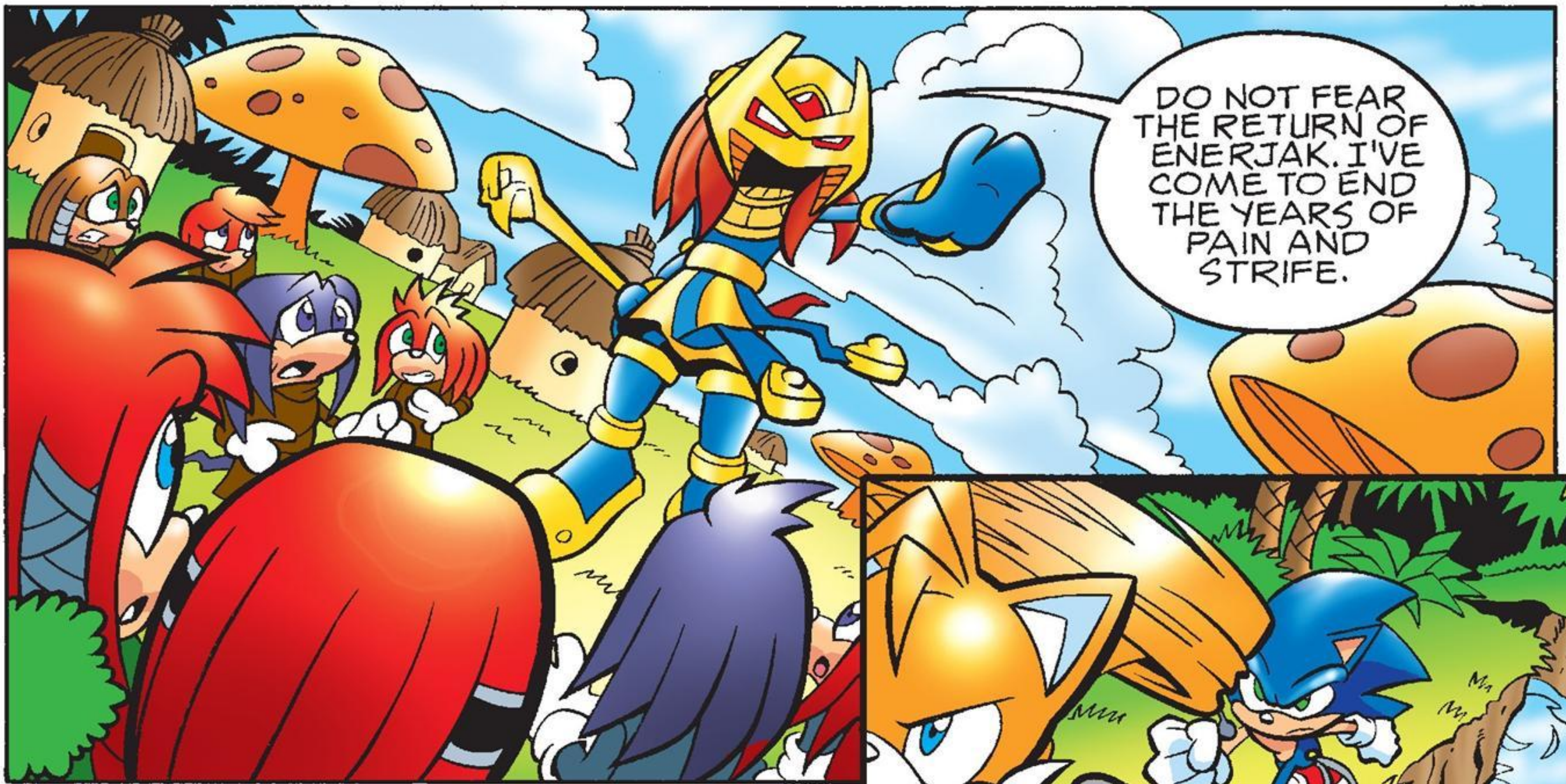
*SEE THE CLASSIC KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA # 8.

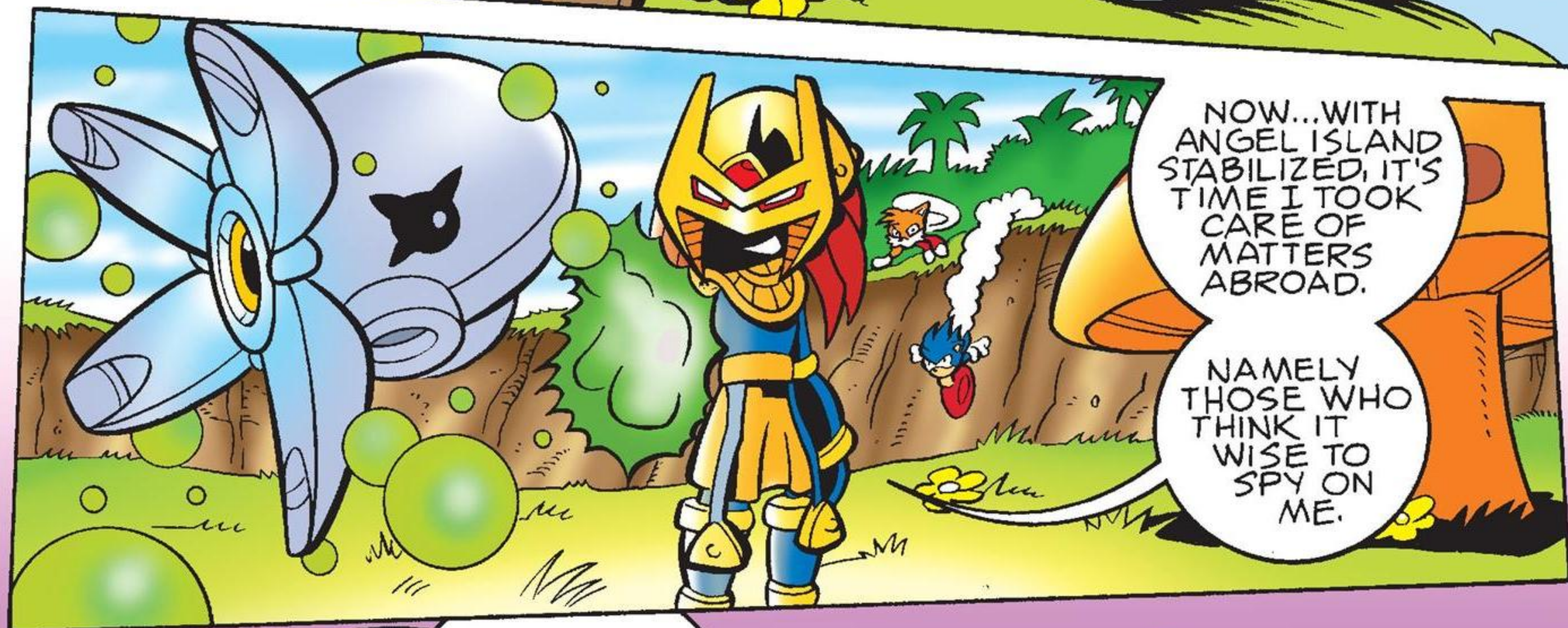
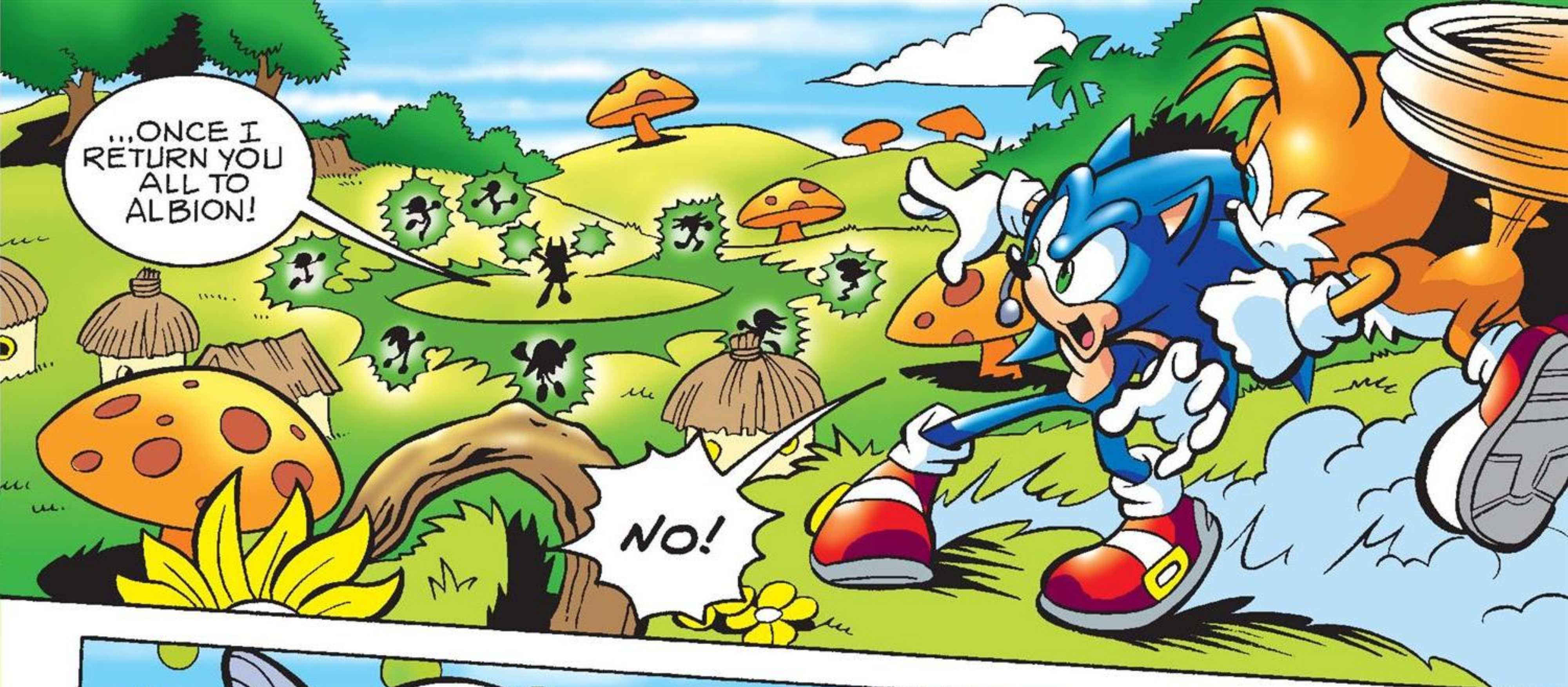
**AND REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN STH # 162?

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO COME TO THESE "HEROES." IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO CAST MY LOT WITH THE MORE POWERFUL SIDE...









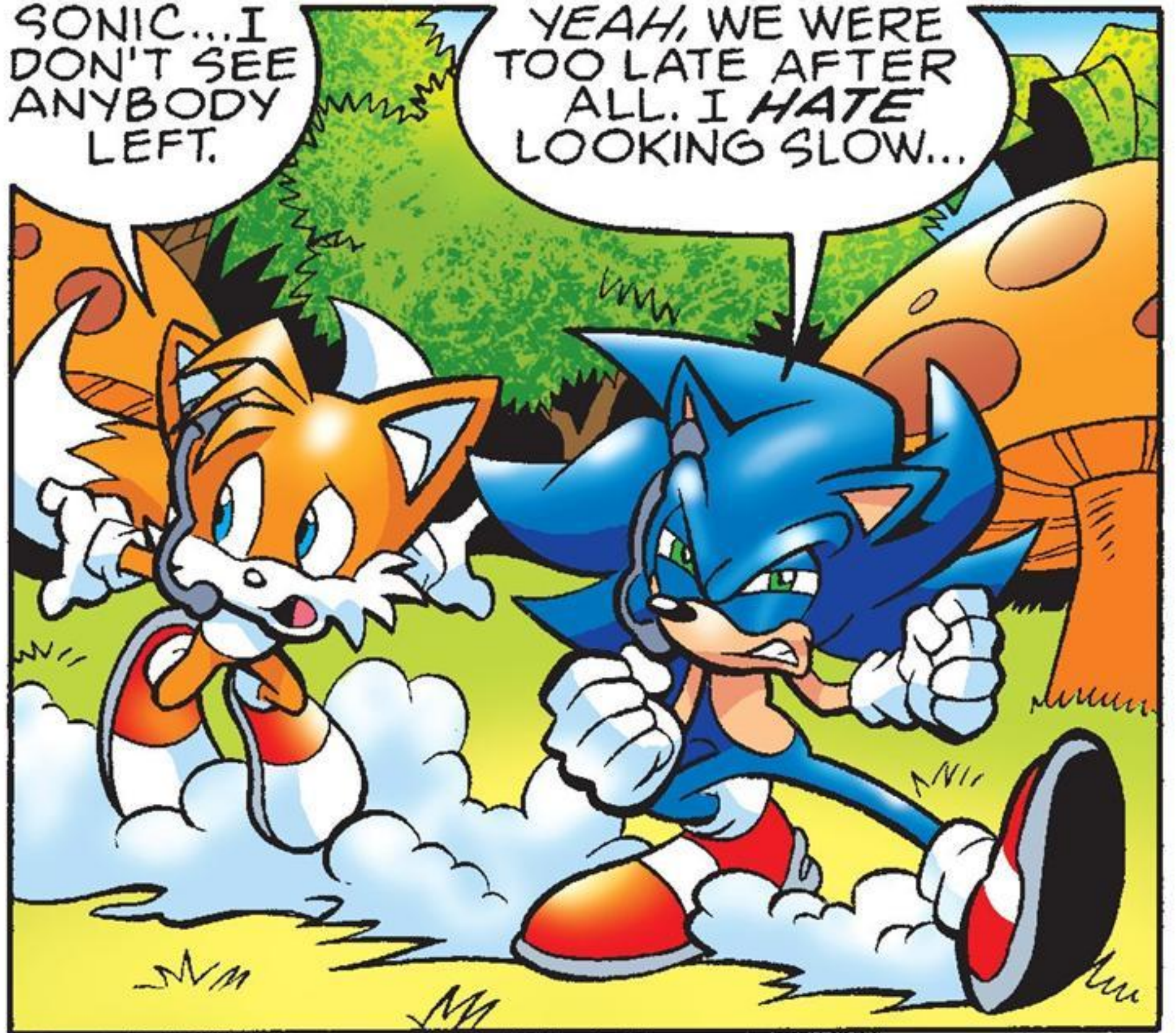
HAMMIVIT

OH,
COME ON!
DON'T
TELEPORT
NOW!



SONIC...I
DON'T SEE
ANYBODY
LEFT.

YEAH, WE WERE
TOO LATE AFTER
ALL. I *HATE*
LOOKING SLOW...



SONIC! TAILS!
ENERJAK IS
JUST OUTSIDE
THE CITY
GATES! GET
BACK HERE!

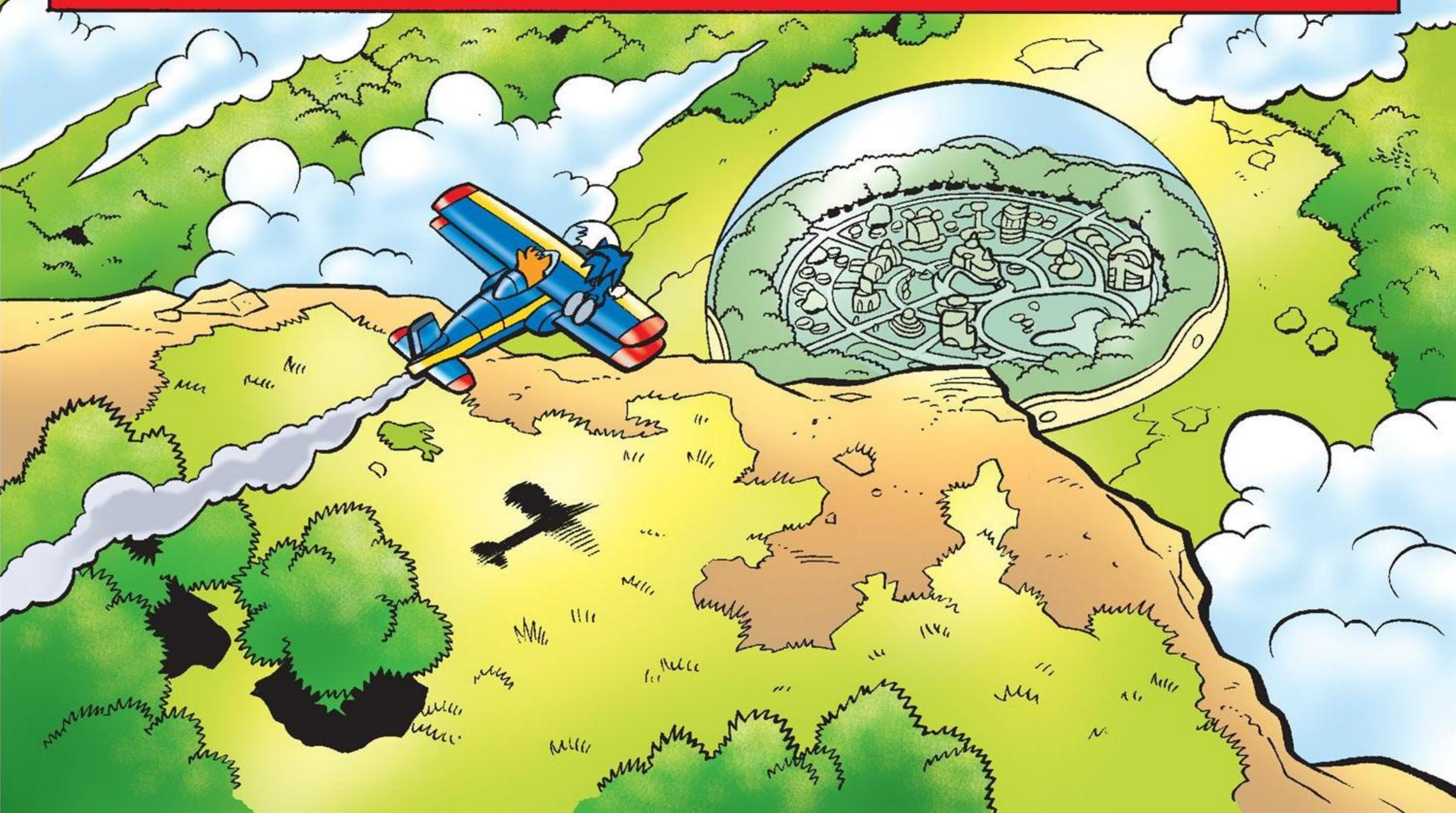
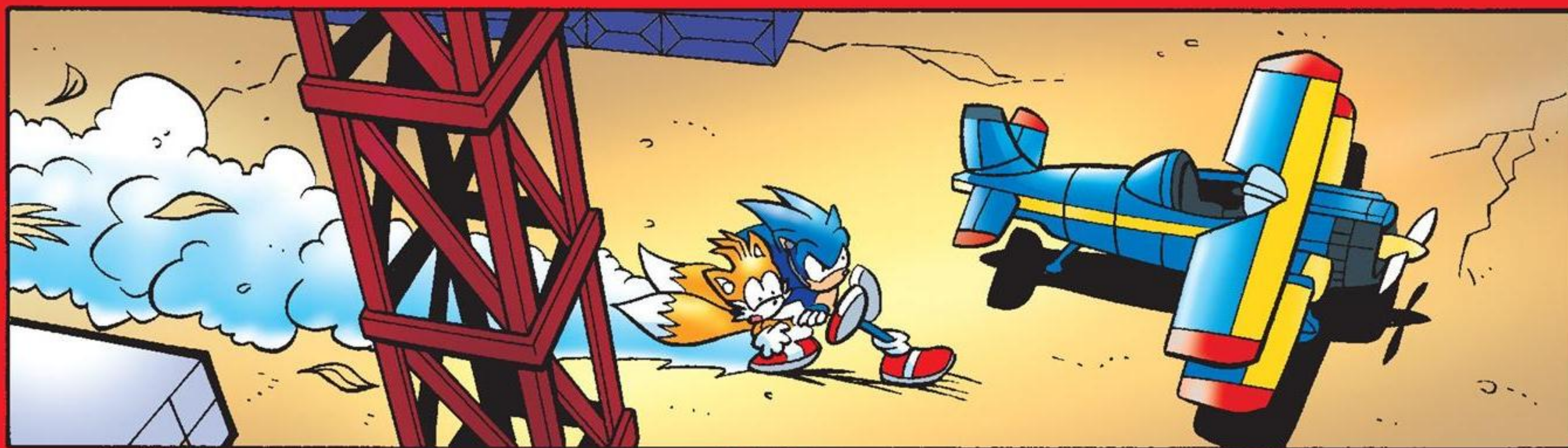
ON
OUR WAY,
NICOLE.

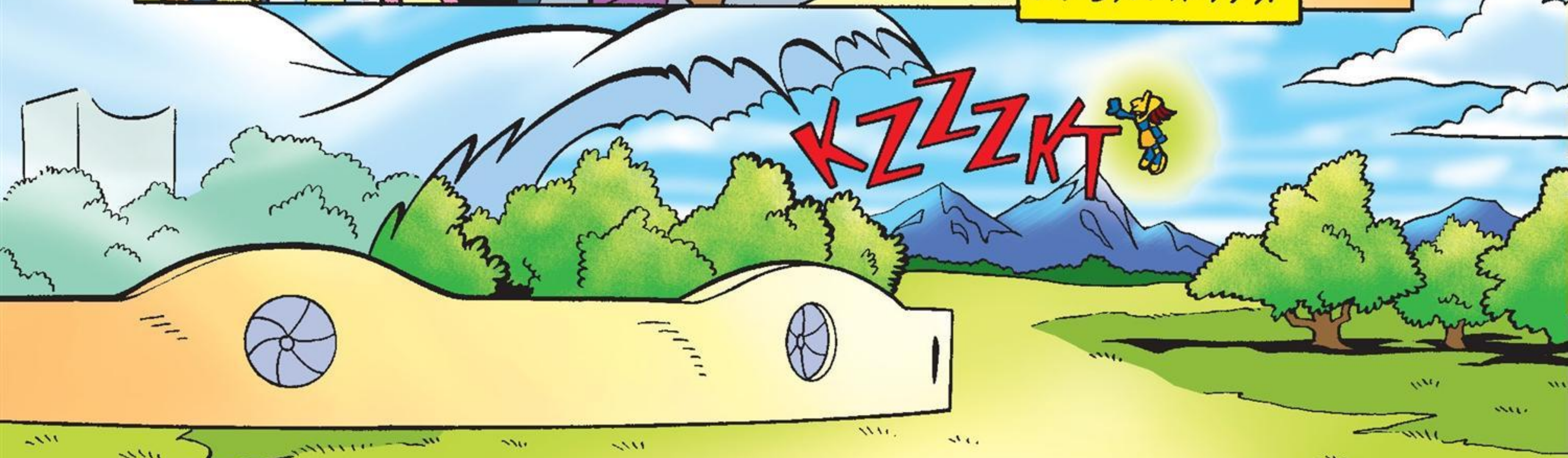
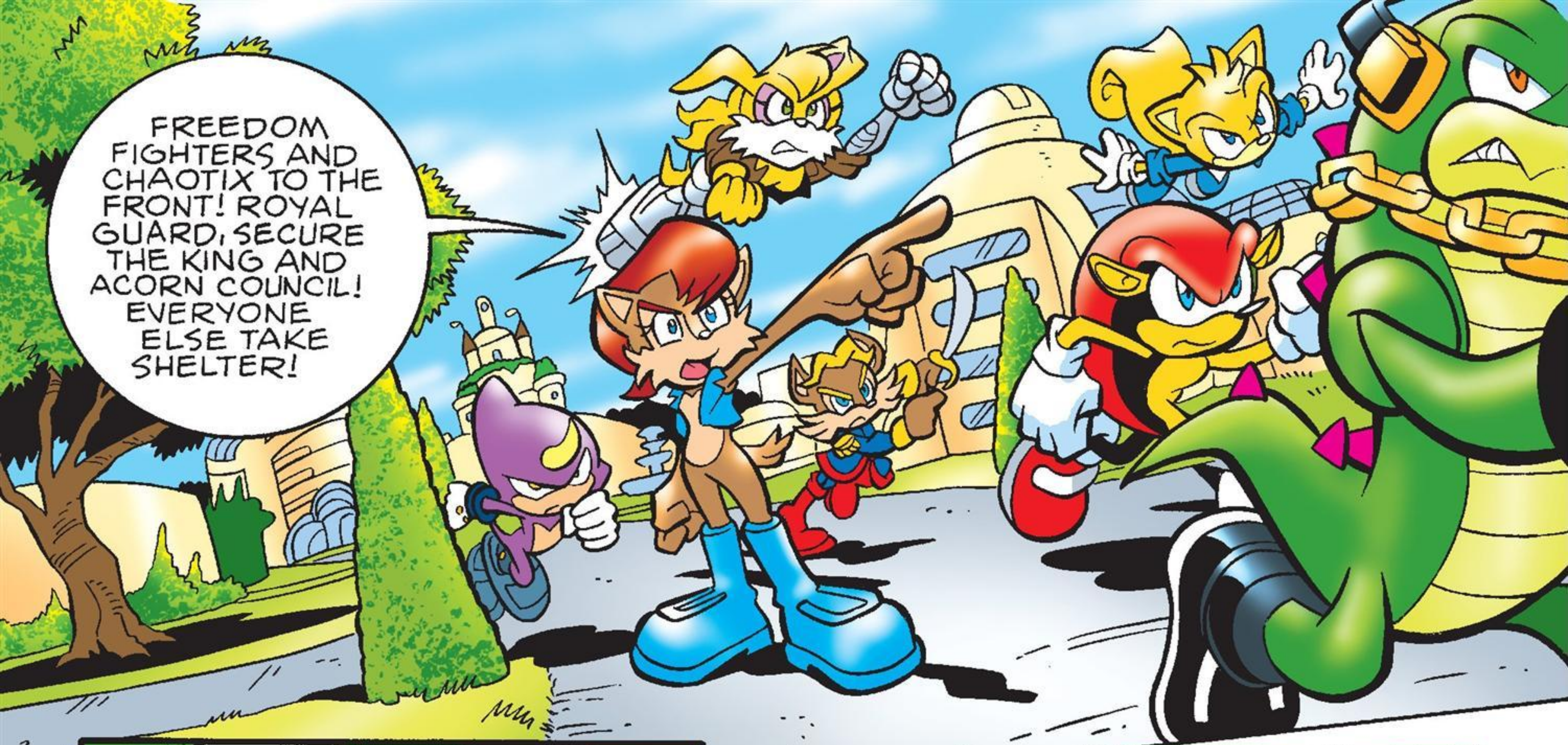


WHOOO!

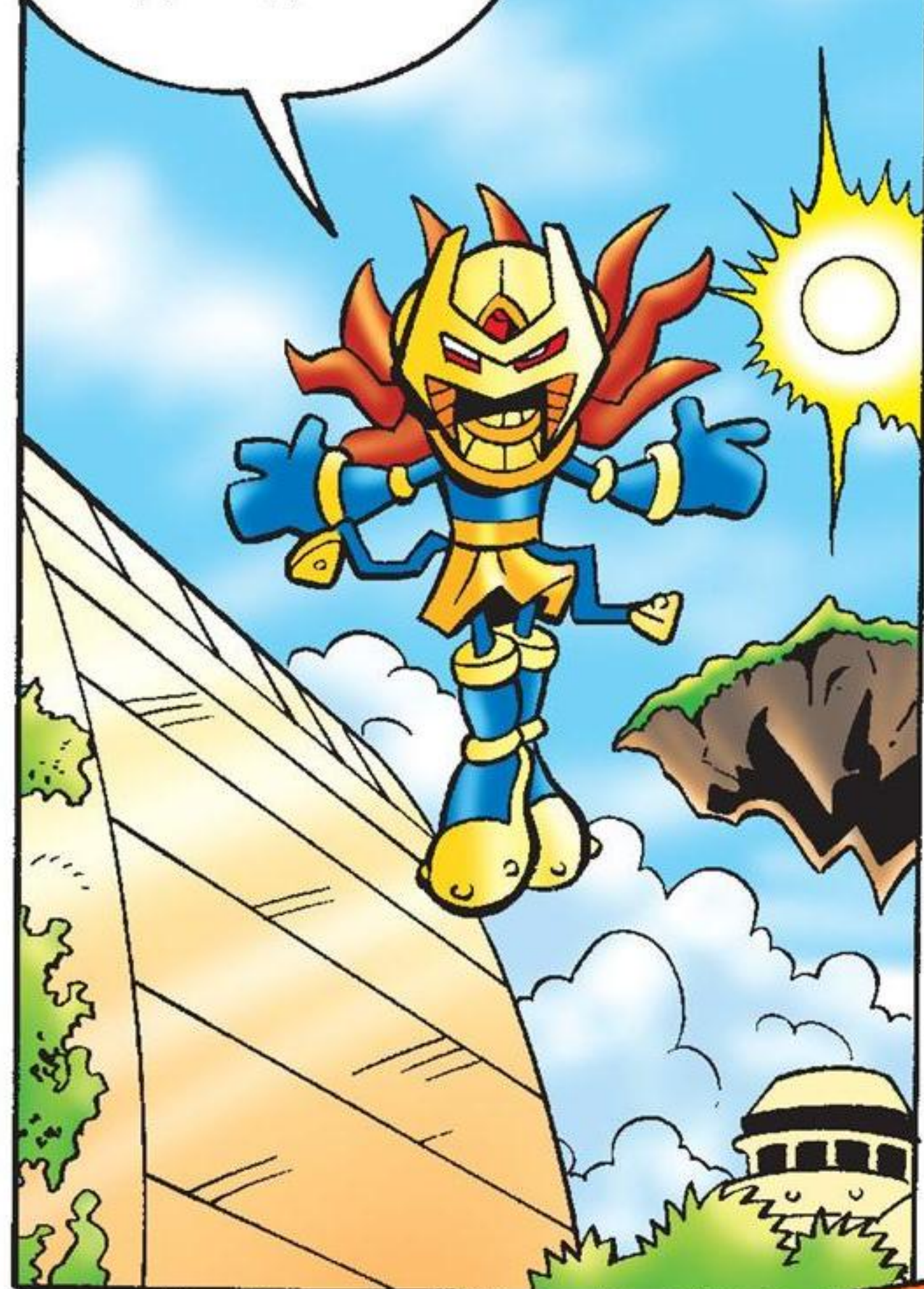
SORRY,
BUDDY, BUT
WE NEED TO
GET THERE AS
FAST AS
POSSIBLE.



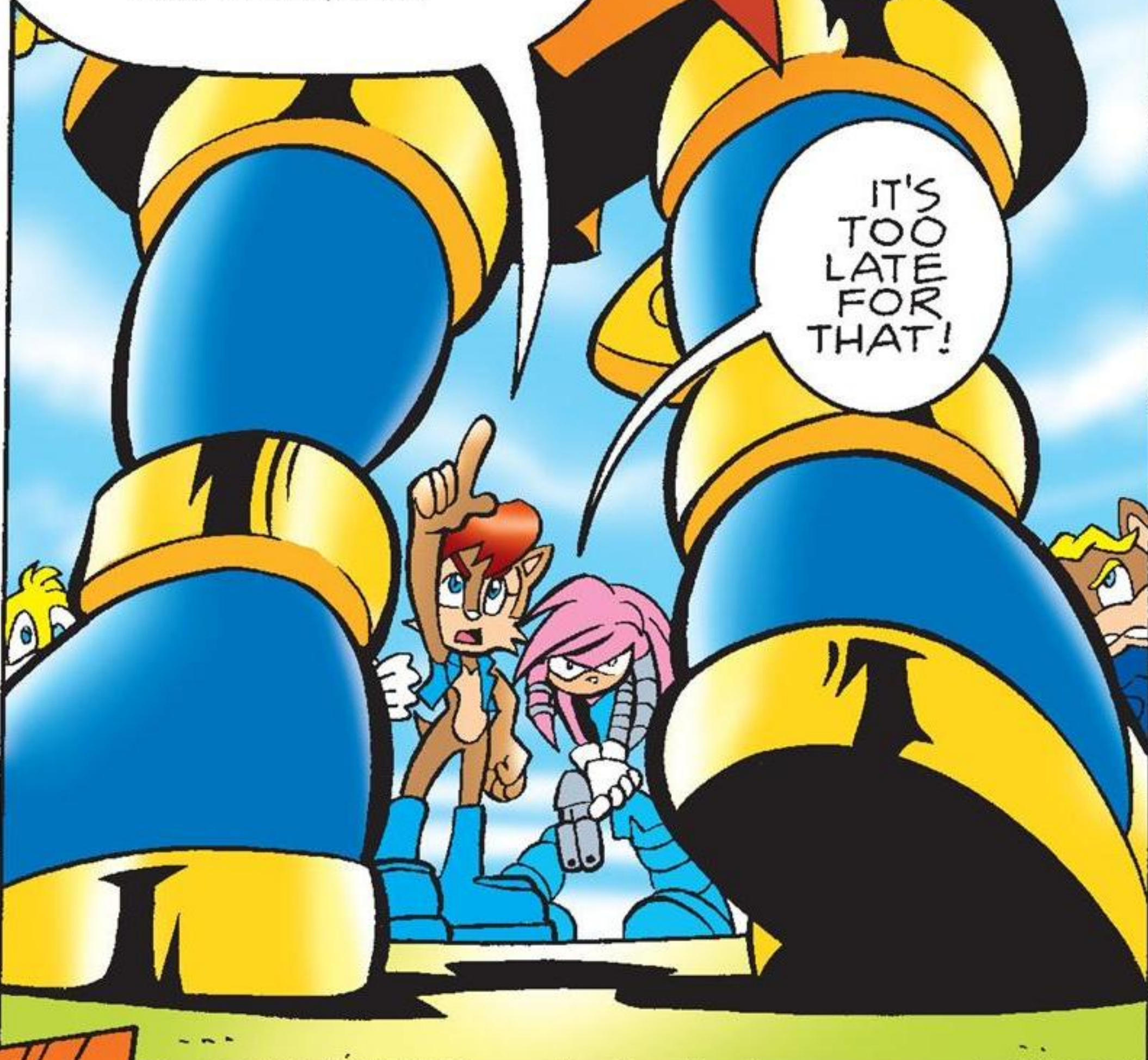




I COME WITH
NO INTENT TO
HARM ANY OF
YOU. I'VE COME
TO MAKE THINGS
RIGHT.



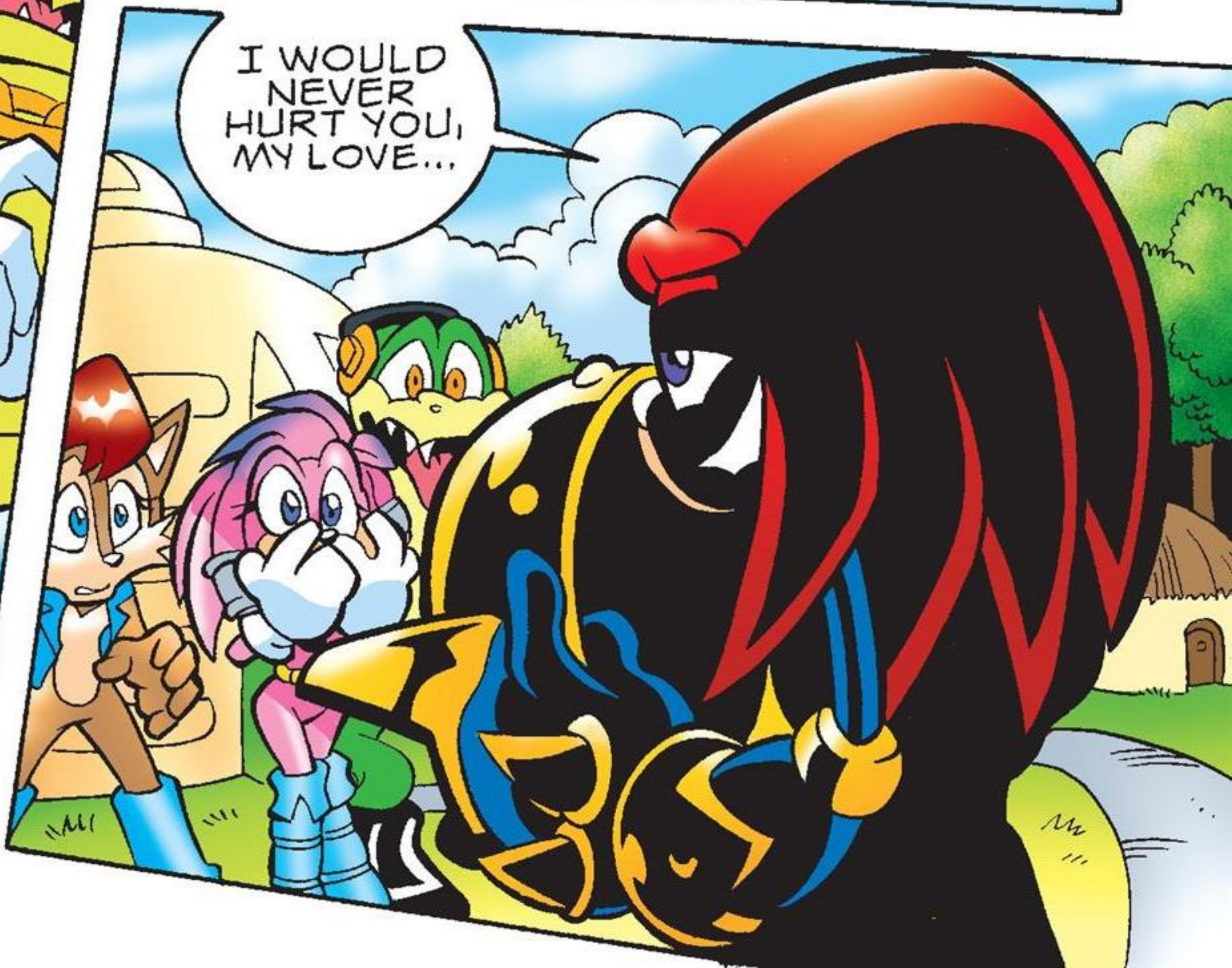
WE'VE SEEN ALL THE
"GOOD" YOU BROUGHT
TO ANGEL ISLAND. IF
YOU DON'T WANT THIS
TO TURN VIOLENT, THEN
LEAVE NOW!



I'LL NEVER
FORGIVE YOU FOR
WHAT YOU DID TO
KNUCKLES! I DON'T
CARE WHAT YOU DO
TO ME, BUT I'LL MAKE
YOU PAY FOR
DESTROYING
HIM!



I WOULD
NEVER
HURT YOU,
MY LOVE...





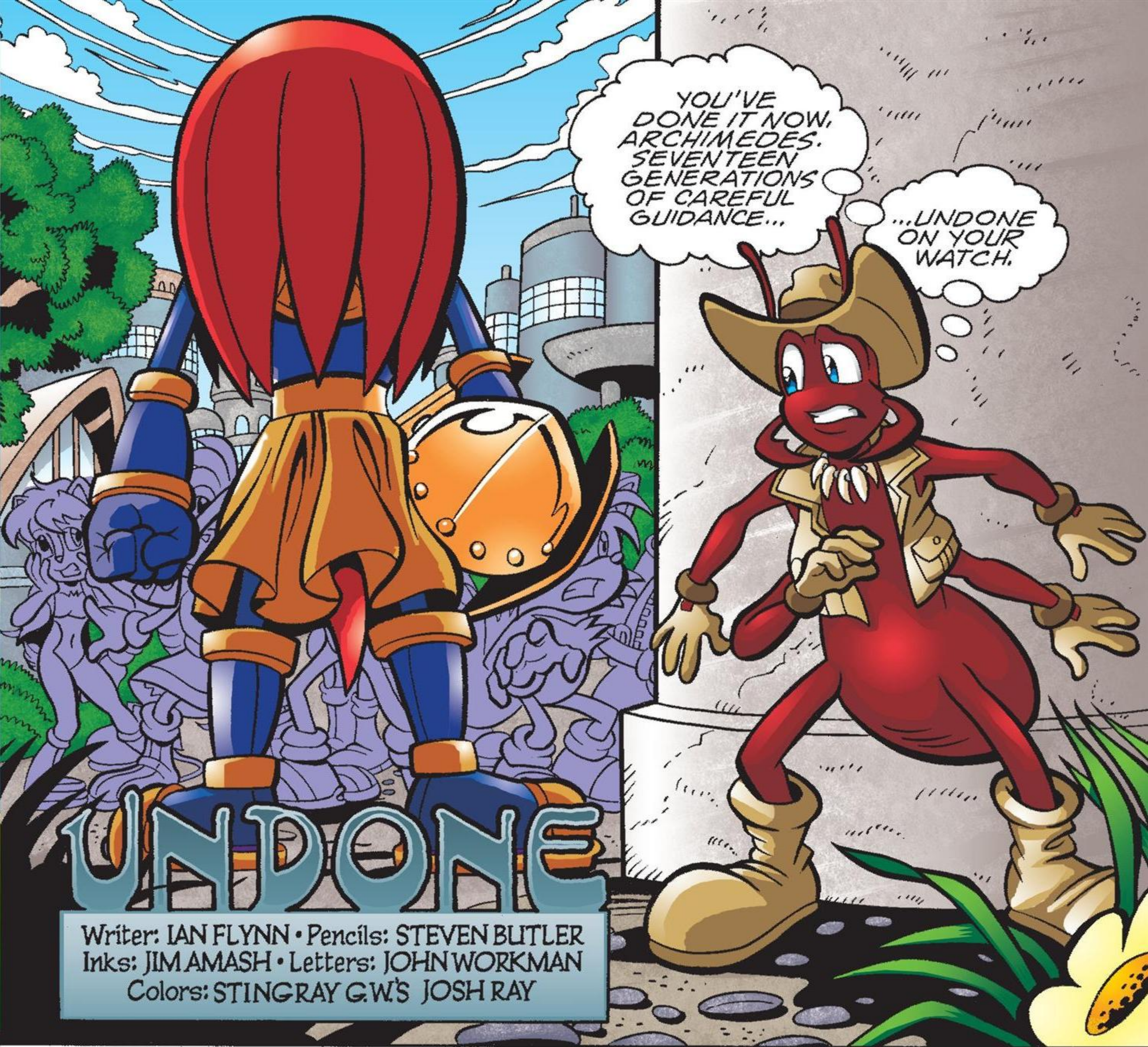
...AND I
CAN'T VERY
WELL DESTROY
MYSELF!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA IS THE
DREADED ENERJAK?!
SONIC AND TAILS ARE ON
THEIR WAY, AS IS THE
MYSTERY AGENT SENT BY
G.U.N.!

COME BACK NEXT MONTH AS
THINGS REALLY HEAT UP IN:

"FALLEN ANGEL"

THE STORY IS NOT DONE YET! TURN THE PAGE TO FIND OUT HOW
THE GUARDIAN KNUCKLES TURNED INTO THE VILLAIN - ENERJAK!



YOU'VE
DONE IT NOW,
ARCHIMEDES.
SEVENTEEN
GENERATIONS
OF CAREFUL
GUIDANCE...

...UNDONE
ON YOUR
WATCH.

UNDONE

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IT'S AS IF EACH
GUARDIAN I TRAINED
HAS BEEN CURSED.

SABRE
APPEARS
TO HAVE
FALLEN
IN THE
LINE OF
DUTY...

...LOCKE
SEEMS
SO ANGRY
AND
LOST...

...AND
KNUCKLES, MY
MOST PROMISING
AND POWERFUL
CHARGE, HAS
BEEN CORRUPTED
AND TURNED INTO
ENERJAK.

I COULDN'T HELP BUT BE
DISTRACTED. DR. EGGMAN'S
INVASION HAD CRUSHED MY
KINGDOM AND SCAT-
TERED MY PEOPLE. I
DID WHAT I
COULD TO
SUPPORT THE
RESISTANCE...

AND AS
SOON
AS I
SENSED...

...KNUCKLES'
RETURN TO
THE ISLAND...

...I RUSHED
TO MEET
HIM.

...TO
HELP.

BUT I WAS TOO LATE. THE
DESTRUCTIX HAD GOTTEN THE
JUMP ON HIM. I COULDN'T
FIGHT THEM ALL, AND KNUCKLES
WAS IN NO CONDITION...

BAMF!

I COULD ONLY WATCH
AS HE WAS TURNED
OVER TO THE FLAME
AND FROST LEGIONS.
I WAS OUTNUMBERED
AND THERE WERE
TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
I FOLLOWED AS HE
WAS DRAGGED INTO
THE CHAOS
CHAMBER...

...AND WATCHED
AS MY WORLD
FELL APART.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING
FOR YOU, GUARDIAN.
THIS MOMENTOUS DAY
WOULD BE INCOMPLETE
WITHOUT YOUR
PRESENCE.



STUFF IT,
FINITEVUS.
I--

REMINGTON
?!

HAVE
WE MET?



WHAT
DID YOU
DO TO
HIM?!

I SAVED HIM
FROM DR. EGGMAN'S
EGG GRAPES, AND
I DID ALL I COULD
TO RESTORE HIS
BODY AND
MIND.

WE
NEED
ALL
THE
HELP
WE CAN
GET,
KNUCKLES.

"WE"?



NO THANKS TO YOU OR THE BROTHER-
HOOD OF GUARDIANS, NINETY-
PERCENT OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN DESTROYED BY DOCTOR
EGGMAN--

...WHAT?...

--INCLUDING
ALBION,
WHICH
IS NOW A
WASTELAND.

NINETY-
PERCENT...
THAT'S



THOUSANDS.

WHICH IS WHY YOU
MADE ME CALL A
TRUCE WITH THE FROST
LEGION. SO YOU COULD
GIVE US THE POWER TO
CRUSH DR. EGGMAN.





I'VE BEEN WATCHING ALL OF DIMITRI'S DESCENDANTS, AND I'VE FOUND THE ONE *BEST SUITED* TO USE THE MASTER EMERALD. WITH MY GUIDANCE...



NO!



I'LL SET THIS RIGHT! IT'S MY DUTY! MY RESPONSIBILITY!

I'LL COMMAND THE POWERS OF THE MASTER EMERALD. I--

AUGH!

NO! HE'LL TAKE ALL THE POWER HIMSELF!

PRECISELY!

WHAT?! YOU TRAITOR!



OH, NO... NOT THIS...



I TRUSTED YOU! I LET YOU INTO THE LEGION! YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, YOU PALE--!

NUCKLES...YOU'VE HAD THIS POWER BEFORE, REMEMBER? BUT DIMITRI TOLD ME HOW YOU COULDN'T CONTROL IT.

YOU ALMOST DESTROYED EVERYTHING. I CAN HELP YOU MOLD THE POWER INTO SOMETHING YOU CAN CONTROL, AND WE'LL SET EVERYTHING RIGHT.

IT'S TOO LATE NOW, LIEN-DA! WE HAVE TO REGROUP!

EVERYTHING...RIGHT...

YOU MUST BECOME MORE THAN A MERE GUARDIAN.

THINK!

WHO WAS THE ONE BEING WHO COULD COMMAND THE POWERS OF THE GODS?

ENERJAK!

THAT'S IT!

KEEP LISTENING, MY BOY.

THERE IS MUCH WE HAVE TO DO.

I TRIED TO REACH OUT TO HIM WITH MY TELEPATHY, BUT HIS MIND WAS SCRAMBLED BY DR. FINITEVUS' HEX. THE TRAP HAD BEEN SPRUNG, AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO HELP HIM. AND NOW THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD THAT CAN STOP HIM...

Come back next month for
The origin of Dr. Finitevus!

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